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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed May 2, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for the response. Applicants hereby request a Three Month Extension of time for the Response and submit that this Amendment is timely filed on or before November 2, 2006.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Amendment.